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SUBJECT: CHARGES AGAINST GOI EMPLOYEE

1. INDIAN EMBASSY DCM VENKATESWARAN DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE TO DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 24 REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN INSTITUTION OF APPROPRIATE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DR. SHUNIL E. ROY, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE NATIONAL REMOTE SENSING AGENCY (NSRA), SECUNDERBAD. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY NOTE, ROY CAME TO U.S. ON SHORT OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT IN MAY TO OBTAIN COMPUTER COMPATIBLE TAPES AND FILM PRODUCTS OVER CERTAIN PARTS OF INDIA FROM USGS EROS DATA CENTER, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTHDAKOTA, AND HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO RETURN TO INDIA WITH PROCESSED DATA, TAPES, FILM PRODUCTS, ETC. BUT INSTEAD HAS BEEN TRYING TO PEDDLE MATERIAL HERE.

2. VENKATESWARAN OCTOBER 27 RAISED MATTER WITH U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN PITTSBURGH. QUESTION IS BEING REFERRED TO U.S. ATTORNEY FOR MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER AREA ROY RESIDING IN, FOR DETERMINATION WHETHER VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW HAS OCCURRED.

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3. WE HAVE SUGGESTED EMBASSY ALSO CONSIDER PURSUING MATTER
THROUGH STATE COURTS OR AS A CIVIL ACTION WHICH MIGHT PRO-

VIDE FOR SPEEDIER PROTECTION OF THE PROPERTY, BUT THEY
HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT DO SO.

4. WE WILL BE GOING OVER LEGAL SITUATION AND GROUND RULES

WITH EMBASSY AGAIN IN NEAR FUTURE AND WILL KEEP YOU ADVIS-
ED OF DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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